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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR COATING AN OPTICALLY READABLE  
DATA CARRIER

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

- 1) GB 2 312 777
- 2) EP 0 485 366 A2
- 3) EP 0 732 871 A1
- 4) EP 0 865 038 A1
- 5) EP 0 886 268 A1
- 6) EP 0 384 041
- 7) EP 0 463 382 A2
- 8) EP 0 405 582 A2
- 9) EP 0 855 703 A2
- 10) US 5,382,460
- 11) EP 0 166 614
- 12) US 5,312,714

13) DE 26 18 773

References 1-9 are cited in the International Search report and are submitted to provide the Examiner easy access to said references.

References 10-12 are in the English language and need no further discussion as to their relevance.

Reference 13 discloses a recording carrier for data that is stored thereon in the form of relief-type elevations and/or recesses. A protective layer covers that side of the recording carrier that contains the stored data. Only the edge regions of the protective layer are securely connected to the recording carrier.

Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith along with the form PTO-1449.

It is respectfully requested that any fees required and not enclosed herewith or any shortages in any fees be charged to Deposit Account 02-1653.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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	2	EP 0 485366A2	13 May 1992	Europe			X
	3	EP 0732871A1	18 Sep 1996	Europe			X
	4	EP 0865038A1	12 Mar 1997	Europe			X
	5	EP 0886268A1	18 Jun 1997	Europe			X
	6	EP 0 384 041	29 Aug 1990	Europe			X
	7	EP 0463382A2	02 Jan 1992	Europe			X
	8	EP 0405582A2	02 Jan 1991	Europe			X
	9	EP 0855703A2	29 Jul 1998	Europe			X
	11	EP 0166614	02 Jan 1986	Europe			X
	13	DE 2618773	10 Nov 1977	Germany			X

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